

**MINUTES OF THE
BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 16, 2003 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 403 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Parley G. Hellewell, Senate Chair
Rep. Katherine M. Bryson, House Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Thomas Hatch
Sen. Ed P. Mayne
Rep. J. Stuart Adams
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Neil A. Hansen

Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. R. Curt Webb

Members Absent:

Sen. Dan R. Eastman
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Staff Present:

Ms. Mary Catherine Perry, Policy Analyst
Mr. Patricia Owen, Associate General
Counsel
Ms. Sandra Wissa, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of materials, and a recording of the proceedings can be found at <http://le.utah.gov> or by contacting the committee secretary at 538-1032.

1. Committee Business

Chair Bryson called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and welcomed and introduced the Committee and staff. She excused Sen. Eastman from the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. David Clark moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2002 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Davis and Rep. Buttars absent for the vote.

2. Overview of Business and Labor Subject Area and Potential 2003 Study Items

Ms. Mary Catherine Perry reviewed and explained the "Overview of Legislative Responsibility" which was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. She also asked the committee members to fill out the "Committee Prioritization Survey 2003 Potential Study Topics" and return them to staff by the close of the meeting.

3. Review of Potential Study Plan for the 2003 Interim Period

Chair Bryson reviewed the "2003 Master Study Resolution Items" highlighting the items sponsored by members of the committee.

Rep. Morley explained the study item #6, "Contracting Issues."

Rep. Dunnigan reviewed the study item #13, "Mobile Home Park Residency."

Sen. Mayne highlighted study item #12, "Miner Health and Safety" and study item #21 "Utah Antidiscrimination Act."

Rep. Ferry introduced study item #15, "Notary Journal" and asked the chair for permission to have Mr. Paul Hansen testify on this item.

Mr. Paul Hansen explained problems he has had because of a notary forgery.

Rep. David Clark explained study item #8, "Financial Disclosure."

Sen. Bramble updated the Committee on the status of the possible privatization of the Workers Compensation Fund. He explained that the Governor had indicated that there may be a Special Session in June to work out this issue.

4. Priorities for 2003 Interim and 2004 General Session

A. Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Chair Bryson stated that Mr. Ken Wynn was not available to attend but that there will most likely be some clean up legislation for this department.

B. Department of Commerce

Mr. Ted Boyer, Director, and Ms. Claire Bauchman, Assistant Director, Department of Commerce, distributed and reviewed "Department of Commerce, Presentation to Business and Labor Interim Committee." Mr. Boyer answered questions from the Committee.

C. Department of Financial Institutions

Mr. Paul Allred, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions, explained this department's role in the Financial Institutions Task Force. He stated that they do not anticipate requesting legislation for this department during the 2004 General Session.

D. Department of Insurance

Mr. Merwin Stewart, Commissioner, Department of Insurance, reviewed the state's insurance industry for the Committee. He indicated that potential legislation would include the HIP pool funding, insurance regulation, and small group health insurance.

E. Labor Commission

Mr. Lee Ellertson, Commissioner, Labor Commission, reviewed the Labor Commission. He indicated that at this time the Labor Commission is not requesting any study items or any legislation.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

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MOTION: Sen. Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bryson adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.